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(c) No separate Fair Price Shops has been opened exclusively to cater the people dwelling in slum areas. The 96 shops so far opened in the City cater to the needs of all the poor people including slum dewellers.

* 520 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Fair Price Shops have been opened in Tiruttani taluk, Chingleput district, for seling rice;

(b) if so, how many, taluk-war; and

(c) the amount of rice sold in them per month?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Twenty two Fair Price Shops in Tiruttani taluk and nineteen Fair Price Shops in Pollipet sub-taluk have been opened.

(c) A quantity of 260 bags or 520 maunds or rice per month is sold in each Fair Price Shop.

* 521 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of Fair Price Shops opened so far during the current year and the total quantity of rice issued through these shops, month by month up to December 1960?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : A total number of 441 Fair Price Shops have been opened in the State as a whole up to 31—12—1960. A quantity of 1882 tons has been issued up to 15—12—1960 through the shops according to the information available.

* 522 Q.—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether the T.U.C.S. branches in the City of Madras are allowed to sell rice to the public as Fair Price Shops;

(b) how many such branches of T.U.C.S. have been opened to sell rice in slum areas; and

(c) how many instances of T.U.C.S. branches indulging in black marketing activities have been brought to the notice of the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 52 branches of the T.U.C.S. functioning in Madras City are distributing rice. These shops, though they are not directly located in slum areas, cater not only to the needs of the poorer people in the built up areas but also to those living in the slums.

(c) Only one case in which a branch of the T.U.C.S. was alleged to have sold 16 Madras Measures to a person without bill has been reported. The matter is under investigation